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The Honorable George Bush
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Dear George:

How very thoughtful of you to send me that beautiful *CIA* Atlas. I think it is splendid, and am delighted to have it as I am a great collector of maps in connection with my work in ornithology as you can imagine. It gives me a great lift to have it as I do not have anything of anywhere near the quality for my Indian Ocean bird work at the present time.

I hope, in due course, we can figure out how to preserve Aldabra, which is a gold mine of future information on the behavior and distribution of all kinds of animals and plants. Much of this kind of information will be central to our understanding of the health of our environment for the future.

With warmest regards to Barbara and yourself in which Mary joins, and with hopes that sooner or later you and I will be able to visit the Potala, I am,

As ever,

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S. Dillon Ripley
Secretary

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